

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Contract for Paving North Twenty-Fourth Street is Signed.

PARKS, JOHNSON & PARKS GET THE WORK

Injunction Suit Dismissed on Understanding that Two-Fifths of Cost of Work Will Be Assessed Against Property.

A contract was entered into last night by the mayor, city clerk and the council on one side and Parks, Johnson & Parks on the other for the paving of Twenty-fourth street from A to G street.

The contract was made with the Parks firm at the rate of \$1.35 per cubic yard.

At the conclusion of the meeting the contract was signed by the mayor and clerk and a representative of the Parks firm.

It is understood that the bonds for the payment of this work will be advertised for sale within a few days.

When the bids for this paving were opened an order of the district court prevented the mayor and council from entering into a contract with any of the bidders.

Wednesday afternoon the attorney for the plaintiffs in the injunction suit filed an order of dismissal. This order was filed shortly before 5 p. m. with the clerk of the district court.

The representation was made to the plaintiffs that the levy for the special tax would be adjusted so that the property owners would pay two-fifths of the cost and the city three-fifths.

While there is nothing in writing to this effect, it is understood to go and the suit was dismissed. This left the council open to go ahead and award the contract, which was done without delay.

Plaintiffs in the injunction case had previously stated that the council sitting as a board of equalization could assess the taxes for the improvement so as to make abutting property owners pay two-fifths of the cost instead of three-fifths as is now provided by law.

Speaking on this subject City Attorney Lambert said last night: "The board of equalization cannot make any agreement or bind itself to do anything but assess the property according to the benefits."

When the contract was signed Parks, Johnson & Parks produce the necessary bonds and unless there is an injunction against the city selling the bonds the pavement may be laid this year.

Under a suspension of the rules the council passed ordinances giving to the Union Pacific privileges of big stock tracks with switches on the west side of the M. C. Peters feed mill at Twenty-ninth and A streets.

This track is to cross C, D and E streets.

Dwork suggested that an effort be made to renew the lease on the ground now occupied by fire hall No. 3 in Brown park.

This will most likely be done, as the city has no property in sight to move the building where this fire company is now quartered.

An ordinance for the grading of Twenty-second street from S to Y street was read for the first time and referred to the judiciary committee.

Scarcity of Laborers.

Superintendents at all of the packing houses are complaining about the scarcity of laborers.

They say that a big minority of the old-time packing house men have drifted away from South Omaha and that ordinary laborers are now employed on railroad work or in the harvest fields.

Within a short time the packing houses will have big consignments of big stock and there is a casting about for men to perform the work.

Very few idle men are to be found on the streets and those who are working are staying pretty close to home after working hours.

There is a chance that when the harvest time comes that there will be an industry of men willing to work in the packing houses during the busy season.

As it is now most of all the applicants for jobs at the packing plants are boys and unskilled in packing house work.

The statement is made by employers that the present secure good wages here now and men are wanted.

Sanitary Sewer Repaired.

The break in the city sanitary sewer on Railroad avenue has been repaired.

City Engineer Beal reported last night that the sewer had been cleared of obstructions and that the pipe had been flooded and in no way making noise.

Later on in the afternoon the cost will come up for consideration, the first object of the officials being to get the sewer in working order.

This sewer is stated to be large enough for the purpose at this time and for some time to come.

The open sewer south from Swift's commonly called Mud creek.

King Will Have Opposition.

When it was first announced that P. J. King, the present democratic police judge, wanted to hold office for a sixth term many of the republican and democratic candidates held back.

The ice has been broken now and Charles Allen and A. C. Panedex have filed on the republican side and P. C. Caldwell and H. B. Fidelity now consider the advisability of filing.

And there are others trying to make up their minds. At any rate there will be no lack of candidates to be voted on at the primaries. The position pays \$1,000 a year and is considered by politicians one of the best easy jobs in the city.

Would Drive Patrol Wagon.

Since the announcement was made that the city council would appropriate money for the purchase of a patrol wagon, many of the position of driver are being handed in almost daily.

There is scarcely a patrolman on the force who would not like the position, and there are some outsiders who want to break in.

As a start has not been made on the proposed fire department headquarters building and the contract for a patrol wagon has not been let all of the applications are merely placed on file.

One of the wise ones declared Wednesday that it would be after the spring election before a wheel would run out of the proposed building and that those seeking the job of driver of the patrol wagon had better hang onto their present jobs and not wait around for a chance to pull the reins over a team hauling the hurry up wagon.

One More Damage Claim.

Swan Johnson, through his attorney Henry C. Murphy, has filed a claim for \$500 damages against the city on account of personal injuries. In his claim Johnson swears that he was injured by being thrown from his wagon at Twenty-fourth and F streets.

This accident, Johnson avers, would not have happened had the pavement been in good repair. The claim will be turned over to the legal department of the city for investigation.

Meigs City Gossip.

Dr. Thomas Kelly has returned from a trip to Colorado.

Miss Anna Levy left last evening for Ashland to visit relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Melcher have gone west for a couple of weeks' vacation.

Mrs. J. W. Green has returned from Kimball, Neb., where she spent a few weeks.

Captain James Austin writes friends here that he is enjoying his stay in Denver greatly.

George Parks, who is confined at home with eye trouble, was reported to be somewhat better last night.

Mrs. W. C. Simmons, 363 North Twenty-fourth street, has gone to Colorado for a two months' stay.

Dan Hanson is making ready to start grading Seventeenth street from Missouri avenue north to I street.

Mrs. John Clardy and Mrs. John Jordan of Chicago are here visiting the family of Michael Fabey, Twentieth and I streets.

Mrs. John Raab and children, Twenty-first and H streets, returned Wednesday from Belmont, Ia., where they visited relatives for several weeks.

Two inspectors arrived yesterday from the state to examine the bureau of animal industry here. The new inspectors take the place of two transferred.

John Hiney and Myrtle Burns were married at St. Agnes' church Wednesday morning. The young couple will reside in South Omaha and their return from a short trip.

WHY POPULATION IS LESS

Buying Up of Farms and Use of Machinery Decreases Farm Residents.

NEW LAW BARS WOMEN OFFICEHOLDERS

National Guardsmen Outshoot the Regulars in Competition at Fort Des Moines, Winning Both Cups.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—At the request of an eastern newspaper State Librarian Johnson Brigham tonight sent the paper 2,500 words explaining the loss of population of Iowa. Briefly stated, he believes that the loss is due to the fact that there are a less number of farms in the state.

Mr. Brigham said today: "I have examined the statistics thus far gathered by the census department and find that the farms are larger and there are fewer of them. This I believe to be due to the fact that with the prosperity of the state and the growth of wealth farmers with money have bought up the farms of their neighbors and added them to their own farms. The improvements in farm machinery makes it possible for the farms to be worked with a less number of people than formerly and hence the farm population of the state has decreased. At the same time there has not been an increase in the city population sufficient to overcome this loss in the rural population. The loss is small and when the census returns are all in will be found to be not more than 2,000 for the entire state."

Excluded Women from Office.

It was discovered today for the first time that women will not be able to hold office under the new primary election law which was passed by the last legislature to apply to Polk county. Mrs. P. W. Dodson has held the office of recorder for two terms. It was discovered today that every officeholder must make affidavit to being a "qualified voter," and this, it is believed, excludes women from holding any office.

There is talk of making an effort to induce the legislature which meets in January to change this section so that women may continue to hold the office of recorder in this county.

Appeal Fish Case.

An appeal was made to the supreme court today in the case of the state against Ed. Denhardt for selling seventy-five fish. The information was filed against Denhardt in Jefferson township in Greene county in a justice court and he was found guilty. The case will be heard on August 21.

Guard Leaves Sunday.

Adjutant General Thrift has made arrangements for the delegates from the Iowa guard to the national shoot at Seagriff to leave Des Moines at 10 o'clock Sunday morning for Burlington.

From Chicago they will travel in a special Pullman over the Panhandle line. Twelve days are allowed for the trip and the federal government pays the expenses.

Militia Wins Two Cups.

At the close of the match between the regulars of the Eleventh cavalry and the Iowa National guard the guard captured both the Drake and the Allison cups in the shoot at the government rifle range. The Allison cup was won by Corporal Finkle of Company F, Fifty-sixth regiment, Sergeant Hurd of Dubuque taking second place. Major Fisher of the Fifty-third won third place. In the race for the Drake cup, rapid fire match at variable range distances, Corporal Finkle also secured the prize. Lieutenant Smith of the Eleventh cavalry second, and Sergeant Hurd of Dubuque third. The militiamen have taken all first prizes in the competitions with the cavalrymen.

Severe Thunderstorm.

A severe thunder and rain storm broke over this city at 1 o'clock today and the rain fell as one of the heaviest of the year. A considerable damage was done by a number of buildings being struck by lightning.

Great Northern to Build Shops.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Negotiations for the purchase of the eighty-two acres of ground in the eastern part of Sioux City are now in progress by the Great Northern railroad which will at once invest \$250,000 in new shops and a roundhouse in Sioux City. The shops will employ 200 men. The building of the Ashland extension into Sioux City by the Great Northern is responsible for the large shops coming here. It is the hope of the officials to get the shops completed by the time snow flies. The Great Northern last winter purchased a four whole blocks of property on the east side here to be used for a depot and terminals.

Vassant Talks of Corporations.

WESTPORT, Minn., Aug. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Ex-Governor Vassant of Minnesota was the principal speaker this afternoon at the soldiers' reunion in this city. He spoke of the disregard of law by the corporations, the evils of over capitalization, the regulation of production and the fixing of prices. "Every dollar of stock," he said, "should represent 10 cents in value." Sneaking of universal greed, the governor characterized the age as one of graft and lawlessness. The remedy put forth by him was a greater patriotism among the people.

Shoots His Father.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Thomas Higgins of Chicago shot his father, John Higgins, during the purchase of the Johnson county court house this morning. The bullet entered under the eye. The elder Higgins will recover.

CHINESE SICK OF BOYCOTT

Foreign Board Orders Victory of American Goods.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 15.—The Chinese foreign board has ordered Chou-Fu, the viceroy of Nanking, to make every effort to suppress the boycott which has now been extended to English goods, imported. It is said by an American firm.

Chinese merchants have asked the general chamber of commerce to assist them to suppress the movement, fearing that serious financial trouble will result. Much of the trade of Shanghai is already being transferred to Tien Tsin, where General Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of Pechili has prohibited the boycott.

Honors for Americans.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—It is granted today that Emperor William has ordered the order of the Red Eagle of the fourth grade upon Major Furrer of the Louisville and Napoleon and upon Captain von Noetzke Jaekendorf of Louisville, and the order of the crown of the fourth class upon Dr. Junn of Washington.

Regular Korean Navigation.

SEOUL, Aug. 15.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—After repeated postponements, Japan

BIRTH RATE IS DECREASING

Census Bureau Bulletin Shows Comparatively Smaller Number of Children.

DECLINE MARKED IN NORTH AND WEST

Southern States Keep Nearest the Proportion of Earlier Years and Negroes Do Better Than Whites.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—That "there has been a persistent decline of the birth rate in the United States since 1850" is the conclusion reached in a bulletin issued by the census bureau. The bulletin was prepared by Prof. Walter F. Willcox of Cornell university and it is explained that although an analysis made offers many suggestions as to probable tendencies in the birth rate of the United States, it is primarily not a study in birth rates, but a study in the proportion of children to the total population or to the number of women of child-bearing age.

The result of the study shows that at the beginning of the nineteenth century the children under 10 years of age constituted one-third and at the end less than one-fourth of the total population. The decrease in this proportion began as early as the decade 1810 to 1820, and continued unintermittently, though at varying rates, in each successive decade. Between 1850 and 1890 the proportion of children to women between 15 and 49 years, the child-bearing age, increased, but since 1860 it has constantly decreased. It is stated that the decrease has been very unequal from decade to decade, but that if the computation is made upon the basis of twenty-year periods, it has been regular. In 1850 the number of children under 6 years of age to 1,000 women 15 to 49 years of age was 64; in 1890 it was only 41. The proportion to potential mothers in 1890 was only three-fourths as large as in 1850.

Little Data to Work Upon.

No attempt is made by the author of the bulletin to determine the probable causes of this decline. An extended argument is given by J. A. Walker in a given suggesting that it is largely due to the influx of foreigners and the resultant shock to the popular instinct of the natives. But Prof. Willcox does not express a definite opinion, claiming that the vital statistics of the United States are not sufficiently developed to afford a sound basis of judgment. He notes, however, that there has been a similar marked decline in the rate of Australia, when there has been no such torrent of immigration.

Considered sectionally it is found that in the north and west there has been a more or less regular decline, while in the south the change has been less regular and the decline less marked. In 1850 the proportion of children to 1,000 women in the north and west was five-sixths of what it was in the south; in 1890 it was less than three-fourths. In 1850 the smallest proportion of children was in the District of Columbia, where the number of children under 10 was hardly one-fourth the number of women of child-bearing age. The next smallest proportion was in Massachusetts, where it was slightly more than one-third. The largest proportion was in North Dakota and Indian Territory, in each of which it was two-thirds.

Decline Pronounced in Cities.

In the general decrease between 1850 and 1890 not a single state of the north Atlantic division took part. In seven other states, also, there was no decrease.

ITINERARY OF TAFT PARTY

Miss Roosevelt Awaits Word from Washington Before Replying to Dowager Empress.

MANILA, Aug. 16.—The governor general of Hong Kong has invited Secretary of War Taft and the members of his party to attend a banquet. The members of the party have answered that they will stay one day at Hong Kong and one night at Canton.

Miss Alice Roosevelt is undecided as to whether she will visit Peking, and it is believed that she is awaiting her father's answer to the invitation extended to her to visit that place.

REPUBLIC FOR NORWEGIANS

Plan for Placing Danish Prince on the Throne Said to Have Failed.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—The plan, supported by Great Britain, for Prince Charles of Denmark to ascend the Norwegian throne has failed, according to information received here from Copenhagen. The expectation is that Norway will establish a republic.

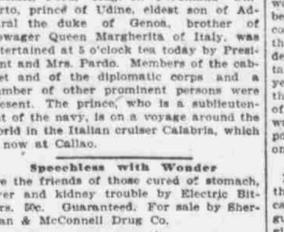
Distinguished Italian in Peru.

LIMA, Peru, Aug. 16.—Ferdinand Umberto, prince of Udine, eldest son of Admiral the duke of Genoa, brother of Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy, was entertained at 5 o'clock today by President and Mrs. Parlo. Members of the cabinet and of the diplomatic corps and a number of other prominent persons were present. The prince, who is a subalternant of the navy, is on a voyage around the world in the Italian cruiser Calabria, which is now at Callao.

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